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Coffee County Commissioners vote to move to 4-Day, 10-Hour work schedule for county offices

Coffee County Commissioner approved a motion Monday morning, Aug. 12, during their regular meeting that will soon move 'office' personnel for several county departments to a four-day-per-week work schedule.

"Commissioners voted to move county office personnel to a 4-day, 10-hour work schedule, effective September 30th," county administrator Rod Morgan said. "Beyond the county offices in New Brockton this will also include such offices as the county probate and revenue commissioner's offices."

"Those personnel affected by this change will work

from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday," Morgan said. "Those offices will then be closed on Fridays."

While the change will close the probate and revenue commissioner offices on Fridays beginning Sept. 30th, the courthouse buildings in Elba and Enterprise will still be open on Fridays for court proceedings. Also, state ran offices such as the circuit court and probation offices will remain open.

Morgan said a number of counties surrounding Coffee County had already implemented the 4/10 work schedule for their offices. He said this change in work schedule could help Coffee

County stay competitive in the labor market by helping with employee recruitment and retention.

"In talking with people around the county, many either did not seem to care if we made this change or they said it would better serve them to be able to come to the county offices either before or after work," Morgan said. "We feel this change will allow us to better serve our constituents."

Again, these office hour changes will go into effect on Sept. 30th. Morgan said his office would continue to remind citizens of the change leading up to the end of September.



Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, just before 5 p.m. to a vehicle fire at 733 Williams Ave in Elba. As shown above, a Jeep Cherokee was a total loss to fire. The vehicle reportedly was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Elba Police also responded to the scene. It is unknown at this time what caused the fire.

Elba's Burger accepted to attend Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering

by Linda Hodge, Editor

High school sophomore Kasen Burger aspires to one day be an aerospace engineer, and this school year he is taking a path that surely will help him achieve his goals as he leaves Elba and moves to Huntsville, Alabama to go to school as a student at the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering (ASCTE).

ASCTE is the nation's only high school focused on the integration of cyber technology and engineering into all academic disciplines. Tuition is free to the school, but one must go through a rigorous application process to be accepted.

Burger was one of only 103 students admitted for this school year. The application pool was around 1,000 students.

"I came to Elba in 2020 and have been going to school here since sixth grade," Burger said. "I really like everybody here and it stinks that I am leaving but it is also good in a sense."

An all "A" honor student while at Elba City Schools, Burger said he has worked really hard in school and now it seems to be paying off for him.

Founded in 2018, ASCTE is a residential high school with faculty, many of whom are subject



Kasen Burger is shown sitting in front of the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering school crest in Huntsville, Ala. where he is now a student.

matter experts, that seek to educate and empower the students with the charge to bridge the large gaps in the cyber workforce further ensuring the integrity of national security, according to ASCTE president Matt Massey.

"When students move onward from our community, they are capable of thriving in a highly technical workforce and in higher education," Massey says.

The school originally opened in August 2020 with 70 freshmen and sophomores as students.

"[ASCTE] was introduced to us by my dad's mom - my grandmother,

and we looked into it for a while before starting the application process," Burger said.

The very rigorous application process actually began in January, and Burger received notification just before May that he had been accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.

"I will be living up there for the most part and will be gone for about 90 percent of year, which means being away from my family, but everybody pretty much unanimously agreed it is the best option for

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Principal and vice principal spots at Kinston School held by two alums

Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb believes nothing speaks more highly of a community or school than the return of alumni who seek to use their talents in the service of their alma mater and its future generations.

"While journeying beyond one's hometown is rightfully applauded as courageous and independent, a return to one's hometown often stems from maturity and gratitude," Cobb says. "A grateful heart seeks to serve; seeing students learn, grow, and be mentored by alumni illuminates the value of and appreciation for one's school. Alumni who seek to return to their alma mater have a vested interest in the mission and vision of their school."

While Kinston School, a part of the Coffee County School System, boasts a number of returning alumni who work in the school, the 2024-25 school year makes history not only for Kinston School but also for the Coffee County School System. For the first time, two school alums fill both leadership positions at the school.

Megan Driggers serves as principal while Shasta Barron is now the school's vice principal.

"It is a powerful experience to see alumni return to their educational roots to



Megan Driggers (left) serves as principal at Kinston while Shasta Barron is now the school's vice principal. Both are alumni of the school and happy to be working at "home."

become teachers, coaches, and staff members whose desire to return is fueled by a passion to invest in the next generation of students and build upon the legacy of their alma mater," said Cobb. "Alumni bring two things together as they return to serve their alma mater: new and innovative practices to enhance students' educational opportunities and the sense of family and community that students, both past and present, enjoy."

As students involved in multiple sports and extra-

curricular activities, Driggers and Barron found themselves more often at Kinston School than they did at home. Now as the principal and assistant principal, they again find themselves in the same situation.

However, this time it's not their student journey that is unfolding, but the journey of the students they serve.

Both Driggers and Barron feel it is their fortunate honor to serve their "home," their alma mater, and play a small part in their students' journeys to becoming who they are meant to be in life.

Elba mayor meets with group to discuss EPA Community Change Grant

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox met with residents of the Shiloh Community [located between Elba and New Brockton] and two members of the Texas Southern University faculty to dis-

cuss the possibility of an EPA Community Change Grant.

If approved, the grant would mainly impact the residents of the Mulberry Community of Elba.

While the Shiloh community is not a part of Elba, that community is also working on a Reconnecting Communities Grant, which is being spearheaded by Dr. Robert D. Bullard. He is a graduate

of Mulberry Heights High School and is recognized nationwide as the 'father of environmental justice.'

Dr. Bullard is the director of the Bullard Center for Environmental & Climate Justice at Texas Southern University. He has a powerful voice in Washington, D.C. and is eager to see improvements in his hometown of Elba.

Dr. Bullard is the founding director of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice and distinguished professor of urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University.



Those pictured (left to right) are: Willie Horstead Jr.; Steven Washington; Mary Myhand; Dr. Robert Bullard; Elba Mayor Tom Maddox; and Pastor Tim Williams.

Elba City Council deems Davis St. bridge project an emergency

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, Aug. 12, to deem the project to repair the approach to the Pea River bridge on Davis Street in the downtown area as an emergency project.

Engineers with Southern Engineering Solutions notified city leaders by letter that they had conducted field investigations of the

west side approach to the bridge and found substantial erosion under the superstructure. The report also noted the structural integrity of the asphalt had deteriorated to a point where a hole on the surface appeared.

It was determined the road could not handle traffic until repairs were made. The road at the bridge is currently closed.

In deeming the project an emergency, engineers can now seek quotes to repair the issue, which will allow for the road to be reopened in a more timely manner.

Area Happenings

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Andrew Carter, Primary Eye Care of Elba. All members are asked to please attend.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, through Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Aug. 6 – Suspicious person reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (10:15 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 21120 Hwy 87 (11:59 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1118 Caroline St – w/warning issued (2:25 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1259 Neil Grantham Dr (8:14 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (9:21 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, and three citations.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Abandoned vehicle reported on First Ave (6:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1523 Caroline St (7:39 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported on First Ave (2:11 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (3:49 p.m.);

Suspicious circumstances reported at 810 Cedar Lane Dr (7:45 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Thursday, Aug. 8 – Animal complaint reported at 921 Martin Luther King Dr (8:20 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 509 Claxton Ave N (1:59 p.m.); Missing person reported on Guyton St (4:23 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported in area of Jackson Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (8:18 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1451 Cherokee Lane (8:31 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Simmons St (8:35 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Jackson St and Martin Luther King Dr (8:41 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Davis St E – w/verbal warning (9:27 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in written warnings.

Friday, Aug. 9 – Animal complaint reported at 921 Martin Luther King Dr – w/impound (11:34 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1018 Martin Luther King

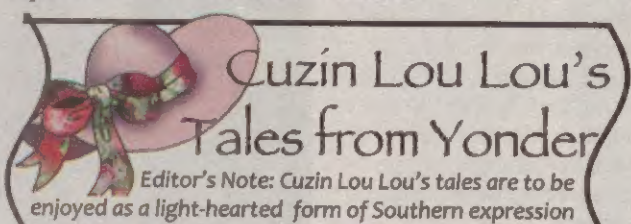
Dr (2:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (7:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at the Dollar General on the Troy Hwy – w/warning issued (10:00 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, three verbal warnings, one citation, and one assistance rendered.

Saturday, Aug. 10 – Verbal altercation reported at 921 Martin Luther King Dr (12:59 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 733 Williams Ave S (3:24 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 21120 Hwy 87 (1:39 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 14744 Hwy 87 (7:07 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 949 Hwy 203 – w/citation issued (9:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 517 Williams

Ave (10:03 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Sunday, Aug. 11 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 961 Hwy 203 (12:23 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 733 Williams Ave (4:52 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, and five citations.

Monday, Aug. 12 – Animal complaint reported at 420 Adkinson Ave (8:31 a.m.); Grass fire reported in area of 2592 Hwy 189 N and County Rd 352 (12:49 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1259 Neil Grantham Dr (1:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 230 Court Ave (9:45 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 707 Simmons St (11:00 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one citation.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

For all those who think Sister is the prim and proper, quiet and sweet lady...well, Cuzin Lou Lou got video evidence over the weekend that she can throw a fit just as good as anyone!

The two were in the vehicle getting ready to drive over to meet some friends when Sister went in search of a hair pick in her purse. She just knew it was in the purse, but she could not find it.

After digging a few minutes, Sister began to loudly express her frustration in not being able to find said hair pick. Based on Sister's fit pitching, Lou Lou knew the safest thing for her to do was to keep her mouth

shut, but that did not stop her from hitting the record button on her mobile phone.

Once the pitching of the fit was over, Sister asked, "Did you just record me?"

"Yes, I did!" was Lou Lou's response.

She immediately replayed the 25 seconds captured on video, and even Sister had to laugh at herself for that outburst of emotion. Then, after letting Sister see the video, Lou Lou reached into her console and pulled out a hairbrush to assist Sister with her desire to 'fix' her hair.

Lou Lou later shared the video with a friend, and the first question was, "Did you have it?"

The answer was no. Lou Lou had not taken Sister hair pick.

Turns out...even though Sister "just knew it was in her purse" – in reality, it was in her suitcase back in the hotel room where the two were staying on their weekend trip. Sister finally shared that information with Lou Lou a day or two later.

Fast forward several days, and Lou Lou is still enjoying Sister's fit-pitching video! She has shared it with a few more friends, and all along she replays it for Sister just as a reminder! Sister just rolls her eyes when Lou Lou tells her she has shared the video with another person, and says, "you need to stop!" Not a chance! It's way too good!!

You cannot help but laugh when you see it, especially realizing just how out of character the scene is for Sister! Lou Lou has proclaimed that anytime she needs a good laugh from now on, she will just watch that video! It is a priceless jewel that she will now get to cherish for a good long time...much to Sister's dismay!

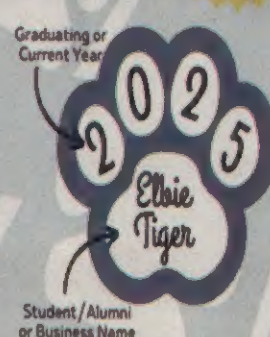
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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

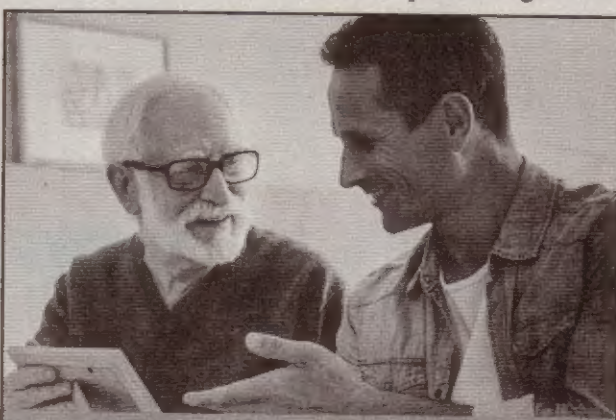
City of Elba officials made the correct move Monday night in deeming and emergency the project to repair the approach to the Pea River Bridge on Davis Street in downtown Elba. Now, this may still take a while to get the actual work done because it won't be an easy fix, but at least everyone can rest well in knowing the city officials are actively working to get the repairs made so the road at the bridge can be opened again for use. While it is aggravating in the meantime for citizens to have to make the around town detour due to the closure, it is even more concerning for emergency personnel. The extra time it takes emergency responders to "go around" could mean the difference in life and death in certain situations...let's just hope no one has to test that between now and when the repairs are made so the road can be reopened to traffic across the bridge. Now, let's get some quotes in for the repairs, make a quick decision of what to go with, and get the repair work underway!

Last week, we had the privilege of meeting Kasen Burger, the young man we featured in a story on this week's front page. We did not know Kasen prior to our interview with him, but we left that session extremely impressed with him. It was clear in listening to his story that life has not always been easy for this young man, but he has not let that stop him from achieving big things. To see the smile from ear to ear on his face as he spoke of his opportunity to go to Alabama School of Cybertechnology and Engineering. We have no doubt that Kasen will work hard to reach his goals, and we look forward to keeping up with his progress as he continues his education at his new school. Elba City Schools will definitely miss Kasen, but we know all are rooting for his success.

The old Burger King building has been empty for quite a while now, and it definitely shows it. We shake our head each and every time we pass by, which is daily, and see the grass and weeds continue to grow higher and higher as the building is up for lease or sale. It has become quite the eyesore. There has to be a way to encourage the property owner and/or realtor to clean it up and make it more attractive. In its current state, the property does not hold the appearance of the downtown area, and we can't imagine it being very attractive either to anyone interested in bringing new business to the location. We encourage city leaders to do what they can to force the issue and get this location cleaned up! This spot is way too visible to allow it to continue to look the way it does in the downtown area of Elba.

The start of high school football is just a week away! We know the local football teams, cheerleaders, and bands are ready to hit the field and show off their talent...and, the fans are ready to support their favorite team. We encourage you to fill those stands each and every week of the season to show these youngsters their efforts are appreciated by their community. We also pray for safety for all throughout this season. Good luck to all in our local area.

The Coffee County Baptist Association's Women on Missions group is sponsoring the annual Prayer Walk for Schools this upcoming Sunday afternoon (Aug. 18) across the county. This is not just a "Baptist" event. It is for anyone of any denomination to come and pray for the schools to have a blessed year. Prayer walks will be held at all city and county schools. While it is great to see the people of each respective community come out to pray for the schools, we also like to see the administrators, teachers, and students there as well. The prayer walk will begin at 4 p.m. on each school campus, and there will be prayer leaders present to get the event started.



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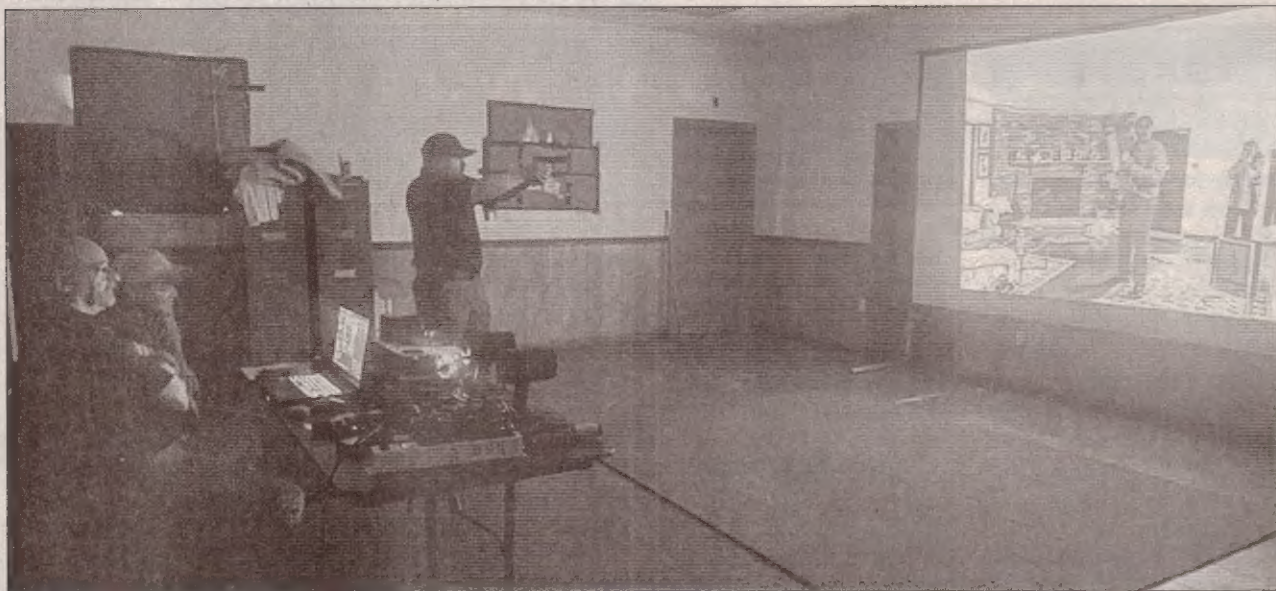
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Elba Police Officers utilize simulator for firearm training

The Elba Police Department recently utilized a firearm training simulator for its officers. The simulator was provided to the local police department by the Alabama Municipal Insurance Company, and Elba officers were able to train with it for a week using a multitude of potential 'real life' scenarios. Those scenarios the simulator put officers in ranged from traffic stops and domestic violence to hostage and terrorist attack situations. Investigator Russ Young said the simulator provided very good training for officers in that it put them in shoot or don't shoot situations. "We hope to utilize this equipment as much as possible to help keep our officers up-to-date with their training," Young said. Above, Officer Cole Dean is shown training with the firearm simulator while Investigator Lt. Russ Young operates it from the computer to create various 'real life' scenarios for the officer.

Obituaries

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MADELEINE STRICKLIN

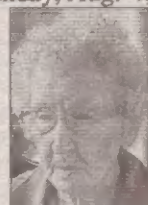
Mrs. Madeleine Stricklin, age 95, of Luverne, Ala., died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at Luverne Health & Rehab Center in Luverne.

She was born on August 6, 1928, in Blakely, Georgia.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Wesley Hatcher officiating. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church cemetery. Mrs. Stricklin was preceded in death by her husband, Oneal Stricklin; two sons, Dennis and Dow Stricklin;

her parents, Bryant and Lucille Cain; two sisters, Jeanette Whitton and Francis Ellis; and one grandson, Lee Dean.

Survivors include her daughter: Peggy (husband Leon) Dean; two grandchildren: Amy Dean-Baumgartner, and Dow Stricklin; great grandchildren: Aaron Baumgartner, Caleb Baumgartner and Joshua Dean; great great-grandchildren: Lyla Baumgartner, Blayke, Baumgartner, and Asher Baumgartner; along with several nieces and nephews.



ASCTE

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me and my interests," he said. "While the school is focused on cyber technology and engineering, it is really good for about any career because it has a good college focus. I will live in a dorm, study independently, and be able to take more rigorous courses, which is going to be fun."

Burger said he will be doing 10th and 11th grade course work at the school while also taking courses in computer science, engineering, and beyond.

"Overall, I think it is really good because they have one of the highest state standards for AP tests and an average score of 30 on the ACT, which is big," Burger said. "I personally want a 35 or 36 on the ACT. I want to get into a really good school."

For now, he said his focus will be on doing the best he can at the school to achieve re-invitation each year until he graduates high school. All this will be based on his performance in standard behavior, work ethic, participation and grades.

Looking ahead, Burger said he knows the path he

wants to take, and he feels being a student at ASCTE will help him tremendously in reaching those goals.

"I personally plan on going military and doing college simultaneously," he said. "Then, I plan on going into a field in aerospace either building or designing planes."

Over the course of the school year, and much to his and his family's relief, Burger will be able to come home and visit occasionally with his family, including holidays. While he says it will be an adjustment to be

away from his family, he and they agree it is a sacrifice worth making for them all.

Having the support he has received from his family has only increased the smile on his face that formed when he learned he would be going to the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering.

"I am really happy about this school and what it has to offer," Burger said. "I have been smiling big since we learned I was accepted."

Kasen is the son of Chris and Rebecca Davis of Elba.

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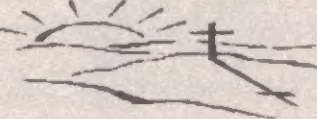
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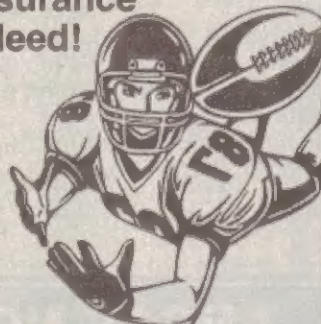
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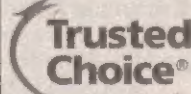
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
CA No. CV-2024-900056Cottonwood, LLC
Plaintiff,
Vs.

A 0.89+ acre parcel of land being a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 24, T1N, R19E, Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being an existing iron rod: Thence S 28°49'15"W 180.68' along the West line of said Highway 153 to a set iron pipe: Thence N 89°25'17"W 210.00' to a set iron pipe: Thence N 28°48'38"E 201.00' to a set iron pipe on the North Line of the above

said SW ¼ of SW ¼: Thence S 89°25'17"E 210.00' along said North line to the Point of Beginning.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

DANA EARL MITCHEM and any and all unknown parties who may have an interest in the above property and whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Cottonwood, LLC's Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by Sept. 16, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number 34-CV-2024-900056 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama. DONE the 12th day of August, 2024./s/ Ashley A Powell
Clerk of Circuit Court of Geneva CountyAl Danner
Attorney for Cottonwood, LLC
PO Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
(334) 684-9816

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE F. FEAGIN, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-133TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Martha F. Kent, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anne F. Feagin, deceased, on the 26th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/1,8&15-pd.IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF JOHN HINSON, Deceased.
Case No.: 24-793

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to VEDA LARAIN CLARK on the 23rd day of July, 2024. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

VEDA LARAIN CLARK
Personal Representative
David F. Holmes, Attorney
P.O. Box 1180
Slocumb, AL 36375
334-886-3123
8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The estate of SHIRLEY RILEY WOODHAM, Deceased.
Case No.: 24-792

NOTICE OF HEARING TO OPEN ESTATE

Clayton M. Woodham, Thomas Wooham, Evan Babcock and John Babcock, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Wesley Earl Woodham, Petitioner to be named as Personal Representative for the Estate of Shirley Riley Woodham, based upon the petition for probate of will and other relief filed by said Petitioner by the 28th day of August, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., or, thereafter, Letters of Testamentary will be granted to Wesley Earl Woodham. Done this 23rd day of July, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby Seay, Judge of Probate
/s/ Preston Register
Preston Register (REG 001)
Attorney for Estate
256 Honeysuckle Rd, Suite 15
Dothan, Alabama 36305
(334) 678-0100
8/1,8,15&22-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

SEAN LUIS VALDEZ TOLENTINO, PLAINTIFF, VS. NHU VO MINH HUYNH, DEFENDANT.

CASE NO: DR-2024-900015.00

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: NHU VO MINH HUYNH.
You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Annulment has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division)

against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 22nd day of August 2024, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 25th day of July 2024.

/s/ Amy Reeves / S Harrison
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
8/1,8,15&22-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of LATRICIA P. BASS A/K/A CLAUDETTE LATRICIA BASS, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-135

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Latricia P. Bass a/k/a Claudette Latricia Bass having been granted to Wendy N. Taylor as Personal Representative on the 29th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 29th day of July, 2024./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES C. DONALDSON, Deceased.
CASE NO. PC 2024-038TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Janies Smith Donaldson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles C. Donaldson, deceased, on the 30th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CARLOWEN RICHTER, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC 2024-036

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on July 30, 2024, to Georgia Richter and Jonathan Richter, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carl Owen Richter, deceased, who departed this life on or about the 14th day of November, 2014, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Griffin Shirley, Esq. (SHI032)
Attorney for Petitioners
Shirley Law Firm
431 North Court Avenue
Post Office Box 408
Elba, Alabama 36323
Telephone (334) 897-5775
Facsimile (334) 897-2304
8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEPHENIE RENEE HERNANDEZ Plaintiff, vs. JULIO HERNANDEZ Defendant.

Domestic Relations Division
Civil Action #
DR-2024-900122
Judge JWK

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Julio Hernandez, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Stephenie Renee Hernandez's Complaint by September 6, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2024-900122, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Dated this the 5th day of August 2024./s/ Amy L. Reeves
Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
Brogden Law Firm, LLC
Robert H. Brogden, Esq.
Attorney at Law
164 East College Street
Ozark, Alabama 36360
334-774-5171
Attorney for Stephenie Renee Hernandez
8/8,15,22&29-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WAYNE HAYWOOD, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC 2024-039

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tim Sullivant, as Administrator of the Estate of Richard Wayne Haywood, deceased, on the 6th day of August, 2024, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/8,15&22-pd.

STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE OF PERMANENT CHANGE OF VOTING PLACE OF PRECINCT NUMBER 11, BOX NUMBER 1

This is legal notice that the Geneva County Commission has permanently changed the voting place of Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, beginning with the 2024 Statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024, from the Joy Life Center, 177 East Baxley Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, to the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, because the Joy Life Center is privately owned and it sold to another private owner, and Geneva County does not have a lease agreement with the new owner. All voters in Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, shall vote at the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, beginning with the 2024 Statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024. At all future elections after November 5, 2024, voters in Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, shall continue to vote at the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318. DONE AND DATED this the 8th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
TOBY L. SEAY
Geneva County Probate Judge
8/8,15,22&29-chg.

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Public Notice

The Elba City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Elba City Hall

200 Buford Street Elba, AL

To Consider A Change in Zoning From B-2 Commercial to R-4 Residential

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LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY MORTGAGE FORE- CLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of June, 2014, Audrea T. Knight, did execute and deliver to Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Alabama, Inc., a mortgage which was recorded in OFFREC Book 675, Pages 18-30, on certain real estate herein described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and WHEREAS default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that real estate mortgage, and said default continuing, said Mortgage is now subject to foreclosure, NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale on September 25th 2024, the following described real estate, to wit: Lot 3, Fuller Village, as shown on plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 372, Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.

Property address for informational purposes: 116 Johnson St., Enterprise, AL 36330.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to the subject property. Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, and amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate wherein the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. This sale is subject to postponement of cancellation. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, INC. BY: /s/ Charles H. Ellzey, Esq. THE LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES H. ELLZEY, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COFFEE COUNTY 8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF Hobson Eugene Walden Sr. Alleged non compos mentis CASE NO.: PR-2024-129

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION APPOINTING TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP TO RICHARD LEE WALDEN whose address is unknown. You will hereby take notice, that on this day, Hobson Eugene Walden, Jr., filed with this Court his Petition For Temporary Guardianship and Conservatorship of the above name person, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr. You are notified to be and appear before me, at my office in the Courthouse of said County and State at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th day of September, 2024, when the petition will be considered, and show, if anything you have to allege, why the petitioner should not be granted Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship of said, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr. Dated this 30th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama

8/8,15&22-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA H. TYSON, Deceased. Case No.: PR-2024-140

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Virginia H. Tyson having been granted to Earlie Johnson, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 5th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 5th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNETTE SIMS, deceased. CASE NO. PR 2024-142

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Larry Tidwell as Administrator of the Estate of Annette Sims, deceased, on the 5th day of August, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jimmy C. Tomberlin, Deceased. CASE NO.: PR-2024-138

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Jimmy C. Tomberlin, deceased, having been granted to Beverly Hurley Hill, Personal Representative, on the 31st day of July, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney 300 E. Lee Street Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-5146 8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE CHANCEY, Deceased. CASE NO. PR 2024-137

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Dianne Evans, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marie Chancey, deceased, on the 31st day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BONNIE JACKSON, DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2024-136

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Bonnie Ruth Jackson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Alexander Montgomery Jackson Alexander Montgomery Jackson Personal Representative 8/8,15&22-pd.

In the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama

In Re: the Matter of Betty Hendrickson Case No. 2024-772

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To: Daniel Thomas Hendrickson, who is hereby given notice that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed regarding Betty Hendrickson, in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and this hearing is set for the 4th day of Sept., 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Done this 1st day of August, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

Attorney for Geneva County Department of Human Resources Alfred J. Danner P.O. Box 33 Geneva, Alabama 36340 8/8,15&22-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of JIMMY WAYNE ANDERSON, Deceased. Case No. 24-796

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX THE STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Jimmy Wayne Anderson, Deceased.

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to Margaret Marie Somerford, Administratrix, on the 31st day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done and dated this the 31st day of July, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate. Attorney for Estate: David W. Rousseau, Esq. Post Office Box 10 801 W. Main Suite 4 Hartford, AL 36344 (334) 588-3333 (334) 588-0046 (fax) 8/8,15&22-pd.

STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 28th day of November, 2022, executed by Luis Alberto Alvarez Flores to William Nathan Mathis, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 398, recorded November 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry for the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Ge-

neva, Alabama, during the legal sale hours on the 3rd day of September, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576 marking the North-west corner of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N85°37'29"E for a distance of 678.08 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence S00°36'50"E for a distance of 543.30 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the Northwest Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence along said R/W line, along a curve to the riving having a radius of 4975.00 feet and an arc length of 193.43 feet with a chord bearing and distance of S61°19'39"W, 193.42 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence continue along said R/W line S62°26'29"W for a distance of 579.31 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence leaving said R/W line, N00°13'29"E for a distance of 852.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 10.91 acres, more or less.

Said property will be sold "AS IS." Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of recorded superior to the Mortgage first set above. The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee P.O. Box 33 Geneva, AL 36340 8/8,15&22-chg.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALBERT JOSEPH BUCHINSKY, JR., DECEASED. CASE NO. 8597

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, Albert Joseph Buchinsky, Jr., having been granted to Charles W. Fleming, Jr., on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charles W. Fleming, Jr. (FLE005) Attorney for Petitioner Post Office Box 758 Geneva, Alabama 36340 8/15,22&29-pd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Samson has developed the Five-Year/Annual Agency Plans, and Five-Year Capital Fund Program budgets, for Fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 in compliance with current HUD regulations. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 12 N. Wise St., Samson, AL. Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 7:30AM and 5:00PM, and Friday 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

A public hearing will be held on September 24, 2024 at the Authority's office at 3:45 PM.

IN THE PROBATE COURT COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MAURICE FRANKLIN LAW, JR. DECEASED CASE NO.: PR-2024-144

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Sally S. Law on the 9th day of August, 2024, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter and order directing summary distribution of said estate of decedent.

/s/ Jodee Thompson Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate

Attorney: H. Warren Cobb, Jr., Esq. Post Office Box 2047 Dothan, Alabama 36302 (334) 677-1000 Telephone (334) 699-3500 Facsimile 8/15-pd.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Alabama County of Coffee Probate Court Case No.: PR-2024-139

In the Matter of the Estate of Willie Lee Sanders, deceased.

Letters of Administration on the estate of said decedent having been granted to Ed Parish, Jr. on the 9th day of August, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred. Ed Parish, Jr. Administrator/Personal Representative of the Estate of Willie Lee Sanders, deceased

The Parish Law Firm 323 Adams Avenue (36104) Post Office Box 52 Montgomery, AL 36101-0052 (334) 263-0003 (334) 263-0032 Fax 8/15,22&29-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID TAYLOR YOUNG, DECEASED CAUSE NO. PR-2024-094

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO OPEN INTESTATE ESTATE

You will please take notice that on the 22nd day of May, 2024, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Open Intestate Estate was filed by Marcia Young, the surviving spouse of David Taylor Young and that the 2nd day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper. Done, this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge 8/15,22&29-pd.

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CHURCH NEWS

What does the Bible say about...
Seed?

Article written by Douglas Williams



God created plants "that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself" (Genesis 1:11).

After Adam and Eve had yielded to Satan's temptation to eat of the forbidden fruit, God placed a curse on Satan, and then said, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

"The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11).

Of the many times the Bible refers to seed, it is usually in the literal sense pertaining to seeds that are sowed or planted, especially during the springtime. But the Bible also refers to seed as it pertains to descendants. This is especially shown in God's promise to Abraham that through his seed or descendants all nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18). Jesus was a descendant of Abraham and

the Bible clearly tells us that Jesus was that Seed that would provide salvation and all spiritual blessings for us (Galatians 3:16; Acts 3:25-26).

The Bible also refers to God's word as seed (Luke 8:11). And Peter referring to the teaching of Jesus about the new birth states, "Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

Every seed produces after its own kind. Jesus spoke about sowing seed in His parables. He said the hearts of men represent different kinds of soil, and our hearts should be the good soil that will accept, obey, and live by the seed which is the word of God.

God's word, as seed, will produce the same thing today as it did in the New Testament days, and that is Christians who are members of the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16).

Annual business meeting held for Zoar Cemetery

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery was held Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. in the Morrow Hall building, located on Coffee County Road 331.

Individuals from nearby and faraway, who attended the meeting, enjoyed both fellowship and visiting gravesites. A financial report was given and project work outlined for 2024-2025.

Anyone with loved

ones or friends buried in Zoar Cemetery, who did not attend the meeting, is urged to contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery by personal and financial support. Contributions may be made to the Zoar Cemetery Association Inc. and can be mailed to the secretary, Jo Hodge, at 3631 County Rd. 306, Elba, AL 36323

All assistance will be appreciated.

Jack Assembly of God plans Aug. 18 Homecoming service

Jack Assembly of God Church, located at 2200 County Rd. 208, Jack, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Jimmy and Marie Eddins will minister in word and song during the services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Prayer Walk for Schools

THE COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILL HOST THE ANNUAL PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS ON SUNDAY, AUG. 18, AT 4 P.M. ALL ARE INVITED TO GO TO THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE IN COFFEE COUNTY TO PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

LEGAL NOTICES
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO.: PC-2024-035

IN RE: THE MATTER OF RANDOLPH CALDWELL, Respondent.

NOTICE OF HEARING To: TUNISHA THIGPEN, LORRAINE DIAZ, and other children of Randolph Caldwell

You are hereby given notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship has been filed by Eloisa Regidor.

The 1st day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 8/15,22&29-chg

Worship at the Church of Your Choice!

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ELBA PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

Notice is given that the Elba City Council will meet in public session and conduct a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on September 9, 2024 in the Council Chambers in the Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323, for the purpose of considering proposed changes to the City Council's voting district boundaries. A copy of the proposed ordinance and voting district map is available for public review through September 9, 2024, at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. Notice is further given that anyone interested in being heard on this matter may do so by attending and speaking at the scheduled public hearing or by giving written comments addressed to the City of Elba, RE: Redistricting, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. Written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024.

8/15,22,29&9/5-chg.

ROUND AND ABOUT
w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER
334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 23:

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Lynsey Manning / Baby Hill, Charles (aka Bubby) Woodfolk, Sabrina Thomas, Carolyn Lawrence, Georgia Nelson, Sharron Fitch, Mary J. Kelley, Bettye Refreege, Orangig White

August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Sabrina Reed 8/12 Calvin Tyson 8/14 Catheryn Carpenter 8/15 Tammie D. Knight 8/15 Otis and Joyce B. Johnson 8/15 W.A. Jeffery Starks 8/15 Jimmie N. Smith 8/15 Missy Berry 8/17 Ree'Nita Brooks 8/17 Victori Edwards 8/18 Isaac Nelson 8/18

A Famous Name

A suburban homeowner got to thinking one day about all the people who served him who were not really known to him. He didn't know the name of the policeman, the fireman, the man who delivered his newspaper, or the man who picked up his trash. He decided to remedy that.

One day he stopped the garbage man and introduced himself. The garbage man did likewise and said, "My name is Albert Einstein." The man responded, "That's a very famous name." The trash collector replied, "Well, it should be. I've been collecting the trash on this street for 10 years!" No name is more widely known than the name of Jesus. No name is more honored than the name of Jesus. Even many who do not believe His claims pay a certain amount of homage to His name and His character. It always surprises us to

visit a country like Mexico and see people whose first name is Jesus (pronounced Hay-soose). In Jesus' day, however, the name Jesus was as common as John or Joe is to us today. Jesus took an ordinary name and gave it extraordinary significance.

Is this not what Jesus has done for us? He has taken our ordinary, commonplace lives and given them extraordinary meaning. He loved us when we were dead in our sins and died "the death of the cross" for us. His name deserves to be remembered, honored, and praised - by our words and by our lives. -- R.C.S.

Question / Answer Section

Week of 8/15/24

Q: King Ahab asked Micaiah about going into battle at a certain city. Which one? (Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Ramoth-Gilead)

A: Ramoth-Gilead [I King 22:12]

Q: Which King of Judah was with Ahab on this occasion? (Jehoshaphat, David, Adam)

A: Jehoshaphat [I King 22:10]

Q: What were Ahab and Jehoshaphat dressed in?

A: Ahab and Jehoshaphat dressed in their Royal Robes [I King 22:10]

Questions for the Week of 8/22/24

Q: Whom did Phillip ask, "Understandest thou what thou readest?"

Q: Who said - Why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples?

Q: In a vision, Paul saw a man from _____?

Q: Who is described as a seller of purple from Thyatira?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Bob Bush, DVM
Veterinary Express of Lake Martin
Small Animal Medicine & Surgery
334-343-0408
Intersection of Claxton Ave & Simmons St
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Upcoming Elba Clinics: Aug. 28 & Sept. 11



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AHE CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD-KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST- ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Dias, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreali Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD- SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRATISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Lucas Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

To Update Your Church Listing, call us at (334) 897-2823!

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, the first week of the school year is in the books and everyone survived as Melanie made sure all her students were in the right classes, Melissa began the task of getting her students in condition in PE and preparing her volleyball teams for the coming season, Lawson had to change his nightly schedule to make sure he gets up on time in the morning, Kathy began her once a week trips back to Ozark to babysit and this ole Granddaddy was back behind the wheel of his school bus. Wow, I guess no matter how old you are school never ends!

For what it is worth...

*** The Elba Tigers were ranked number one in Class 1A in last week's preseason sportswriters poll, and while being ranked #1 is every team's goal, the preseason poll hasn't been kind to the Tigers, as in the five previous preseason polls they were ranked atop the poll they failed to live up to the expectations. Elba did win 10 games in both 1990 and 2016 after starting out on top, but the other three times it started on top its combined record was 20-13. The Tigers have gotten a lot of ink already this season, due primarily to the publicity surrounding running back Alvin Henderson, and with all the preseason hype will no doubt have a big bullseye on their back in every game. The best way for Elba not to hear the 'over-rated' chants from the other side of the field is to win'em all, and that is no easy task.

While on the subject of preseason high school football news, the Alabama High School Football Historical Society (AHSFHS) released an article last week that reported the Elba Tigers have the most difficult schedule in the state among 1A teams. The factor that put the Tigers atop the list was that they play 2A foes Luverne, Glenwood School and Goshen, in non-region action. Elba ranked second in a AHSFHS list of consistent winners over the past 14 years with a 141-34 record, just behind Maplesville with a 158-26 record, while the Tigers ranked tenth in wins over the last 25 years with a record of 199-94, with Brantley coming out on top with a 265-59 slate. I know there are a lot of Internet sites that publish articles, and you have to take each for what they are worth, but they all fun to read.

I have been talking to a lot of high school football fans and reading all the preseason reports about the teams in the area, and if the outlooks are correct it looks like an exciting season ahead for all the fans. New Brockton is excited and confident about the season and feels like this will be the year the Gamecocks make it back to the playoffs, while Kinston is confident heading into the season after a big win in its spring game and is looking for a winning season, Zion Chapel is in the third year of its rebuild and believes the construction is almost complete for the program, and Brantley returns almost everybody off last year's team and can't wait to reclaim is spot atop the region standings. Yep, it's going to be a fun season.

One day last week I read an article online about improbable Olympic events in which Alabamians would be favored to win gold medals. 'Driving' events included the fastest spin to reach a boiled peanut stand on the other side of the road, successfully navigating a round-about without anyone running through the yield sign, and my local favorite - dodging pot holes. 'Bug-related' events included fire ant dancing, gnat swatting and catching lightning bugs. 'Sponsored' events included Bass Pro Shop fish tank swimming, Walmart cart racing and the ever present Dollar General obstacle course. 'Food' events included watermelon seed spitting, cornbread eating contest and grits slurping. 'Weather' events included barefoot 100-yard dash on hot asphalt and reading the weather radar. Hey, who needs a pommel horse when we have unlimited kudzu?

In closing.... The once powerful NCAA apparently bought a set of false teeth last week and went after former Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh for a number of rules violations he was accused of last season with the Wolverines. The NCAA knew about the accusations throughout the season a year ago, but had to wait until Michigan won the national title and Harbaugh had the chance to get out of town before it made a decision and made anyone upset. The punishment for the former college coach included a four-year show-cause order that bans Harbaugh from coaching in college until 2028, while the university received three years of probation as well as a fine and recruiting limitations. The NCAA's ruling so upset the folks at Michigan that they made him the honorary captain for the Wolverines home opener this season against Fresno State. It is time for the NCAA to put the wheels in motion to disband and just let what used to be college athletics become part of the professional leagues, in all sports.



Elba Tigers on prowl for state title

The Elba Tigers have been one of the winningest high school football teams in the state in the last three years in rolling to an impressive 34-4 record. However, the Tigers haven't seen their success continue in the post-season and during that three-year span has struggled to post a 5-3 record in the playoffs. With another banner season expected in 2024, there can be no doubt the Tigers are focused on finishing strong and claiming their first state title since 2015!

"There is no doubt our kids are hungry to win a state championship after the last three years and getting so close last season," stated Coach Marc Sieving, in his fifth year at Elba. "Our kids want a state title."

"We know the key to being successful again this season is to take it one game at a time and to work hard and improve each and every week," added Sieving. "That was the key to our success last season, and while we all know have a lot of work ahead and will have a target on our back every week, our players are hungry and their expectation is to win it all."

Elba's success on the gridiron the last three seasons has centered around the play of two-time 1A 'Back of the Year' and Auburn commit Alvin Henderson. Last season, Henderson practically rewrote the AHSAA football record book as he rushed for 3,523 yards and 61 touchdowns, both records, as well as setting records for most total touchdowns (67) and points scored in a season (408), and tying the record for most touchdowns accounted for (68). During his career at Elba, Henderson has rushed for 7,274 yards, scored 132 touchdowns rushing, accounted for 141 total touchdowns and scored 840 points.

"Alvin is hungry to win a state championship," said Coach Sieving. "That is what he wants for Elba, his teammates and our fans. That is the same for every player on our team, they want to win for Elba. Alvin has played a huge role in our recent success and I admire the work he has put in to keep improving on every aspect of his game. He is a hard worker and a



ELBA TIGER SENIORS - #1 Jerrod Anderson, #33 Dominic Griffin, #61 Logan Horton, #8 Jaden Robinson, #11 Jacob Ledbetter, #75 Elijah Myrick-Davidson, #10 Cayden Adkins, #62 Emanuel Cooks, #6 Jacob Watkins, #2 Alvin Henderson, #15 Brady Johnson, #59 Jordan Hammonds.

leader, and wants to bring home a state title to Elba."

Another player the Tigers are looking for to have a banner season is Cayden Adkins, a Georgia State commit. In 11 games last season, Adkins rushed for 1,023 yards and eight touchdowns on just 78 carries, while on defense the all-state linebacker led the Tigers with 120 total tackles, including 81 solo stops 40 tackles for a loss and seven quarterback sacks.

Adkins, a 6-2, 240-pound, senior, will add another line to his resume this season when he makes the move to quarterback.

"Cayden defines hard work," said Sieving. "He has out himself in a great place and I honestly think he will be an even better player this season than he was a year ago due to his hard work. He will be our starting quarterback this season, but will probably move around some on offense to other spots, and is also one of our leaders on defense and attacks the ball."

The Tigers are much more than just a two-man show; however, and have a pair of college prospects in seniors Jacob Watkins and Emmanuel Cooks. Watkins is a 6-1, 220-pound linebacker/wing back, that had over 100 tackles a year ago, while Cooks, a 6-4, 290-pound, offensive/defensive lineman, is a dominant force on both sides of the ball.

"Jacob is very knowledgeable about the

game and is the smartest player I have ever coached," continued Sieving. "He is a true student of the game, but at the same time brings an intensity and fire onto the field and is a violent tackler. Emmanuel has all the physical tools to dominant the game and has the technique that helps make him a truly dominant high school football player."

While the offensive line will be led by Cooks and will include size and strength all across the front in Logan Horton (220), Michael Remley (265), Matthew McCart (240) and Elijah Myrick (273), Coach Sieving admits the line is an area of concern heading into the season.

"The offensive line is an area of concern," admitted Sieving, "because we have three new guys lining up as starters for the first time. They are all working hard and progressing, and have been in our program since junior high. So, it is their time to step in and they are ready."

Other players to look for on offense include wingback Skylar Mitchell (175), blocking backs Tyceson Davis (175) and Cassidy Carpenter (195), wide-receivers Brady Johnson (196) and Trai Davis (176), and tight-end Hakeem Scott (206).

The Tiger defense will be anchored by a pair of returning starters in inside-linebackers Cayden Adkins and Jacob Watkins, while also expected to play important roles at the linebacker position are Jacob Watkins (145), Tyceson Davis and Mapeo Jimenez (145). The line will


be anchored by Emmanuel Cooks, with Hakeem Scott, Michael Remley, Matthew McCart and Logan Horton all expected to rotate in. The secondary will return Brady Johnson, with others expected to see action to include Trai Davis, Jerrod Anderson (150), Ladel Ousley (160) and Reggie Gilbert (160).

Elba lost two-time all-state placekicker Alex Wisecup and punter Bradyen Johnson to graduation, but look for Brady Johnson to fill the void at punter and Trai Davis to handle kickoff chores. Both will combine to handle extra-point and field-goal chores.

"We know we will face a tough region schedule and a very tough non-region schedule," added Sieving. "However, we have a goal and know what it will take to reach that goal, and will take it one game at a time and remain focused on being the best we can be every time we take the field. We have lost four games over the last three years, with three of the four losses coming in the post-season, and we are determined to be successful and this year takes that next and become state champions."


2024 Schedule

- Aug. 23 at, Luverne
- Aug. 30 Glenwood
- Sept. 6 McKenzie
- Sept. 13 Kinston
- Sept. 20 at, Brantley
- Sept. 27 Goshen
- Oct. 4 at, Red Level
- Oct. 11 at, Pl. Home
- Oct. 18 Georgiana
- Oct. 25 Florida



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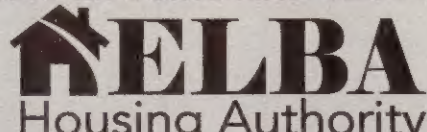
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ENJOYING HEARTY BREAKFAST AND CONVERSATION...Classmates and friends of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered Tuesday morning, Aug. 13, at Ms. Linda's in downtown Elba for breakfast and fellowship. All reportedly had a great time! Those present included: Sara Warr Strong, Eddie Thompson, Neal Hutto, David Blackmon, Jerome Blackmon, Terry Calhoun, Harry Young, Kenneth Baker, Jackey Tindol, Bobby Edmondson, Butch Oggs, and John Lawless.

Two from local area make Provost's List at Troy University

Troy University recently released the names of students who had made the Provost's List for the summer semester and Term 5 of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The summer semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 5 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Locally, Britton Coppage of Elba, and Allison Williams of New Brockton were named to the list.



LOCAL PHYSICIAN SPEAKS AT ELBA LIONS CLUB MEETING...Dr. Lance K. Dyess served as the guest speaker for the July 23rd Elba Lions Club meeting. Pictured above with several of the club members, Dr. Dyess provided a very inspiring and unwavering dedication/compassionate care message.



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